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MAMMY GOT THE GIRLS

The Mother Sued But She Lost the Case.

Lizzie Jefferson, an old negro "mammy" of New Orleans, was recently awarded the custody of Annie and Lucy Galaw, little girls, 8 and 10 years of age, respectively, her rival claimant for the children being the mother. The suit, which resulted in the negroes obtaining permanent custody of the children, was the first of its kind ever decided in Louisiana, inasmuch as "mammy" is as black as the proverbial ace of spades, and the children have not a drop of negro blood in their veins.

But in spite of the fact that they are white, Lucy and Annie, who were weeping bitterly during the progress of the case, in fear of being given back to their mother, rejoiced exceedingly when Judge Aucouin pronounced judgment in favor of the negroes. Behind the case there is an unusual story.

V. Galaw, the father of the little girls, died eight years ago. He was very poor, and was not on the best of terms with his wife. He knew "Aunt Lizzie," and just before death claimed him he asked the old woman to see that his children did not come to want. The faithful negroes gave him the promise, and for the last seven years she has worked night and day for her charges, clothing them nicely, and, since they have been old enough, sending them to the public schools.

"Aunt Lizzie" is a caterer in a small way and earns a comfortable living. She announced her intention, not long ago, of sending the elder girl to Europe to complete her education, for the child is very bright. The devotion of the negroes to her "babies" has long been the talk of the neighborhood.

Not long ago the mother married again, and demanded that "Aunt Lizzie" give her and her husband rent free, a room in the house which was sheltering her girls. The negroes refused, and the mother brought suit to recover the children. All these facts were brought out in the Court to-day.

After hearing the evidence Judge Aucouin said he was satisfied that the children were better off with "Aunt Lizzie," and so he ruled, much to the disgust of the mother.

She "Sees Things."

An odd case of hysteria is reported from Abilene, Kan. A lady of the town has been entertaining her niece, a young woman from another town, and ever since the arrival of the girl the house has been made the target of peepers and burglars. In the evening before the family had gone to bed there would be a crash of glass and then the young woman would come flying in terror to her aunt with the story that she had seen the face of a man at the window and when he found he was observed he broke the window and ran. After windows had been broken all over the house officers were set to watch for several nights. At last, one officer, brighter than the rest, discovered that all the glass broken from a window fell outward, showing that it must have been struck from the inside. A watch was then placed over the girl and she was soon caught in the act of breaking a window, after which she ran screaming to her aunt, with the same old story about a man. Her strange performance is accounted for on the theory of a hysterical condition in which she "sees things" and then does things unconsciously.

A Rude Awakening.

"So the convention didn't nominate me," said the politician who had been continuously in office for eight or ten years.

The lieutenant shook his head. "Did anything break loose?" asked the politician after a moment of thought.

"Not a thing." "The people in the galleries didn't get up and hiss and walk-out of the convention hall when I was turned down?"

"Not a man left." "There was no popular demonstration, and no one seemed to feel that the country was going to the dogs?"

"On the contrary, every one seemed to think it would worry along just about as comfortably as usual, and I didn't see a man dodge as if he expected an earthquake or some other indication of heavenly displeasure."

"And to think," said the politician, reflectively, "that I have been under the impression that the salvation of this whole country has rested on me for the last eight years and seven months."—Chicago Post.

Queer Blunder.

The burgomaster of the little town of Poelitz, in Pomerania, entered into office a year ago. He believed himself invested with the functions of a civil state officer, which had not been conferred upon him by the superior authority. He united twenty couples in marriage and in consequence of an objection these marriages were declared illegal. At the same time, the magistrate was nominated a civil state officer, and now the marriages have to take place again—provided, a French paper says, the couples, after a brief experience of married life, are willing to go through the marriage ceremony a second time.—London Globe.

To Keep His Shoes Clean.

And on the subject of shoes. A burly negro of the tramp class was seen yesterday walking along the street of a Jersey town. Over mere frameworks of leather he had tied strips of heavy carpeting, and after one had comprehended the feat, he looked to see the man. A small boy accosted him with: "What've ye got yer feet tied up fer?" "To keep mah shoes from gettin' dusty, fool," he said.

The Right Hand.

A professor who has made a study of children says he has discovered why the majority of people are right-handed. Infants use both hands until they begin to speak. The motor speech function controls the right side of the body and the first right-handed motions are expressive motions, tending to help out speech. As speech grows so does right-handedness.

Equipped for the Emergency. "The gate is locked," said the porter. "Is that all?" asked the modern woman as she reached for a hatpin and proceeded to rush to the door.

How some people will stray from the truth.

The New York Age is very uneasy about Lyons, Green and Cheatham.

What a different song Fortune would sing if he had Chance.

Why are some people so jealous of others?

Let us have a new Commissioner. The administration needs no defense.

Don't be too hasty in going into print.

It is the honest man who does honest deeds.

Let us live in hope for better days.

Strange things happen sometimes.

The world is full of trouble.

Watch the man who pretends so much friendship to you.

Speak kindly of your friends.

It is a dangerous thing to desert old friend for new ones.

New friends don't remain with you long.

We need good and honest friends.

A friend in need is a friend in deed.

A fickle minded person will soon desert you.

There is a great conspiracy on foot.

An attempt is being made to place the colored schools under white control.

The people will not approve any such movement.

The colored schools are succeeding nicely.

In union there is strength.

Watch the man who is looking after your interest.

It is dangerous to tell all you know.

You can trust some people sometimes.

Republicans are united in the District of Columbia.

The colored lawyers are doing well.

Be honest in all things. It will pay you.

It is best to be fair in all your business dealings.

"All this world is a stage and he people are merely the players".

Let us have a new Commissioner.

The people are in need of a District head.

Speak well of your friends.

An honest friend is hard to find.

The democratic party wants the colored vote.

The colored voter should not go to the party that is not friendly to him.

The old party is still sailing onward.

THE BEE is the people's paper.

Colored bishops should keep out of politics.

Over 7,000 people were in Fredrick Thursday.

It was a great day among the people.

Democratic orators are on the stump.

Everything in life is a chance.

Life is a chance so is business.

Judge Taylor is making a record.

All that glitters is not gold.

The man who speaks the truth is unpopular at times.

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The colored people are opposed to mixed schools. This movement will consolidate the offices of superintendents and may eventually place white teachers in colored schools, but not colored teachers in the white schools.

THE MOCK CONFERENCE.

The great Conference of so-called colored leaders which was held in Chicago last week has adjourned, and it is but fit and proper that we consider the benefits to the race which have accrued therefrom. Much flourishing of trumpets and rosy prognostications preceded the convention of these rogues, and the country at large looked for results commensurate with the high sounding boasts with which the atmosphere was filled. Those colored people who were lulled into a dreamy confidence in the capacity of the Conference to devise ways and means for the correction of abuses, and to outline a policy to set us upon lines which would insure our certain and rapid development morally, materially and politically, are now rubbing their eyes and racking their brains in pitiful wonderment as to why their confidence was so abused and, if not, why their hopes were not realized. On their part, the whites equally astonished or disappointed wear on their visages the query "Can these things be and overcome us like a summer's dream?" To those who have long since grown skeptical on the subject of self-constituted conferences and disgusted with the ephemeral manifestations of self-laudation on the part of would-be leaders, the result of the Conference have been perfectly logical. In the first place, the Conference was without proper credentials. If it is true that there are good reasons for a convention of our wisest men to enquire into the causes of the present untoward condition of our people and to suggest an appropriate remedy, such convention should be representative in its character—representative not only in the fact that our best men are selected, but also that such men are authorized by duly constituted constituencies upon democratic principles to call for the masses after due publication of specific grievances and appropriate election. That the members of the Conference were not duly elected by constituencies is sufficient to stamp it as bogus, unwarrantable, self-constituted and its action anti-republican and impertinent. In the next place, assuming that the Conference was legitimate, it has failed utterly to meet the conditions which stand so much in need of remedy. We are poor and in need of openings for remunerative employment. What has been suggested to break down the tyranny and injustice of labor organizations? We are being lynched. What general policy has been recommended with respect to it or what remedy advised? Political disfranchisement is staring us in the face. What has been done to stay the tide of oppression in this regard? In a word, what effect has the Conference had upon lawlessness, lynching, intimidation, and the thousand species forms of cheating and devilry set in motion and enacted by the enemies of the race and of good government? The system of education as applied to

us is in need of modifications to meet our condition. What has been done by the Conference to supply this need? A great political contest is upon us. What have they advised with respect to the duty of colored voters in the light of present entanglements?

They have done absolutely nothing which can stand the scrutiny of the race or meet its approbation. It has simply met, indulged in mutual admiration and self-laudation, wrangled, presented a doubtful loyalty to their race, the party, and themselves, and adjourned, to be the laughing stock of the race and the object of contumely and disgust of the whites. And the reason is plain. Our best men were not there. The affair was wholly unauthorized from a representative standpoint. The gist of the situation was not touched, while there was a promiscuous brandishing of fists in the face of our friends and a manifestation of bequousness towards our avowed and bitter enemies.

In a word, the Conference was a failure. As a race of citizens, we are young and are likely to fall into many snares and foolish situations. With more enlarged experience, more wisdom, more race pride and a fuller appreciation of the importance of proper and thorough organization, will come greater results from future conferences and a more profound and intelligent interest on the part of the race in the well-being of humanity generally.

The people of this city will never be satisfied until Mrs. M. J. Brown is reinstated in the Freedmen's Hospital. The idea of a white woman bossing a lot of intelligent colored women when we have competent colored women, is something that the people will not tolerate in a black institution.

DEMAS AND HIS ENEMIES.

There is to-day in the city of New Orleans a man by the name of Henry Demas. He is the most prominent and the strongest politician in the State. President McKinley nominated him for Naval officer, but, for some reason, the Senate failed to confirm him. He was, prior to the nomination and election of President McKinley, and he is now, a strong McKinley man. He failed of confirmation for the reason Wimberly, his white enemy and supposed friend, was confirmed. THE BEE is of the opinion that Mr. Demas should receive some consideration, because he was one of the few men in the State of Louisiana who stood by McKinley. Wimberly, whom he made, has deserted him and the Negro Republicans of the State, and it is quite certain that he will never represent the Republicans of Louisiana again. Demas will lead the McKinley forces.

THE APOLOGIST.

It is quite evident that the so-called Afro-American Council is as bad as Mr. Booker T. Washington. The latter is a Southern apologist and trimmer, as THE BEE heretofore predicted, and that his doctrines are liable to do a great deal of harm to the Negro, if they have not already. His utterances have been apologetic and of a trimming nature. He has advised the Negro to join the Democratic party, which every one knows to be inimical to the best interests of the Negro. No one knows better than Mr. Washington that all the lynching of Negroes have been traced indirectly, if not directly, to Democrats or the sympathizers of the Democratic party.

As to the Afro-American Council, it is not a good minstrel show. In fact, it may be an apologist for a minstrel show, and nothing more.

OUR SCHOOLS.

The attempt of certain individuals to have the office of colored superintendent of the colored schools abolished should be at once condemned. This is a scheme of a few tricksters and malcontents who are working in the interest of

the Board of Trade of this city. The Board of Trade contains certain Negro apologists and trimmers who are working into the hands of white men who are opposed to our school system. That is, they are opposed to the colored schools being under the control of Negroes. Of course the colored members of the School Board will oppose any effort on the part of any one to abolish the office of colored superintendent.

ROOSEVELT'S AMBITION.

Governor Theodore Roosevelt of New York is ambitious to be President of the United States. Between Roosevelt and Wm J. Bryan independent Negroes would take Mr. Roosevelt is no friend to the Negro, and of the two evils the Negro would take the lesser. Not since Mr. Roosevelt has been governor of New York has he appointed one Negro to office. The Negro is a Republican but he is supporting men not parties. If good men represent good principles of a party the Negro will support both President McKinley has given the country a successful administration and for that reason he should be renominated and elected.

COLORIED WOMEN AS WAGE-EARNERS.

BY ANNA J. COOPER.

(From "the Southern Workman.")

I shall not take time to discuss ideal situations on the speculative side. There may be those who think that woman has no business to enter the struggle for existence as a wage-earner; who think that she should be as the lilies of the field, and should toil not except to spin and array herself in gorgeous raiment to delight the Sons of men in all their glory. The fact remains that a large percentage of the productive labor of the world is done by women; and also another fact, recently brought out through investigations under Atlanta University, that "of 1,137 colored families 69, or 57.17 per cent, are supported wholly or in part by female heads." So that in comparison with white, female heads of families and others contributing to family support, there is, by a house to house enumeration, quite a large excess on the part of the colored women. Sentiment aside then, if we will not cannot help the conditions which force women into the struggle for bread, we have a right to claim at least that she shall have fair play and all the rights of wage earners in general. Or, as Herbert Spencer puts it, "Justice demands that women, if they are not artificially disadvantaged, must not at any rate be artificially disadvantaged."

I shall have to ask first, therefore, careful attention to a few of the dry but fundamental principles of economics, to which science our subject properly belongs. Wage-earning is the complement of proper corollary to the human element in the creation of wealth. Land, labor, and capital are the factors in the production of wealth. The term land includes all natural opportunities or forces; the term labor, all human exertion; and the term capital, all wealth used to produce more wealth. The whole produce is distributed in return to these three factors. That part which goes to land owners as payment for the natural opportunities is called rent; that part which constitutes the reward of human exertion is wages; and the part which constitutes the return for the use of capital is called interest. The income of an individual may be made up from any one, two, or three of these sources according to the nature of his contribution to the product. But the laborer is always worthy of his hire. Should the owner of the land and the capital have the power and the greed to disregard the claims of the man who contributed the labor, and pocket the entire product, he manifestly a robber whether the jailors can catch him or not.

In many thousands of homes the indoor partener of the firm, who undertakes to discharge the domestic and maternal duties within is just as truly a contributor to the product gained, as the out door manager who conducts the business and controls the wages. The woman in the home has a right to a definite share in the wealth she produces through relieving the man of certain indoor cares and enabling him to give thereby larger effort to his special trade or calling.

THE AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

A SMALL ATTENDANCE.—NOT A REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 17, 1899.—The so-called Afro-American Council convened this morning. The absence of Messrs. Lyons, Green and Cheatham was conspicuously noticeable.

The program is a long one but not one-third of the persons down on the program will be present.

The meeting thus far is a failure. There is some talk of calling a meeting of the defunct Afro-American Press Association, which died on the hands of Stewart of the Louisville, Baptist.

PROF. H. M. BROWN.

THE BEE is gratified to know that Prof. H. M. Brown, formerly teacher of Physics in the High School of this city, is doing, from all reports, great work in the Hampton Institute. Our special representative, who attended the Hampton Conference, gave a glowing account of the success Prof. Brown is meeting with in his new field of labor. Prof. Brown has the congratulations of THE BEE.

EMANCIPATION DAY IN FREDERICK, MD.

OVER SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE PRESENT.—THE LARGEST CELEBRATION FOR YEARS.—DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE PRESENT.—EDITOR W. CALVIN CHASE DELIVERS AN ADDRESS.

(Special to THE BEE.)

FREDERICK, MD.,

Aug. 24, 1898.

Thursday was a gala day with the people of Frederick, Md. Not only did the people of Frederick City turn out, but there were people from all parts of the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. The ancient city presented a holiday of the highest order among the colored people. All business was suspended, and upon the corners and public streets all classes of people, white and colored, were witnessing the street parade. There were eight bands of music in the parade which kept things lively from the time the procession started till the arrival of the parade at

AGRICULTURAL PARK,

where the procession disbanded.

Excursions arrived as follows:

Two from Baltimore, one from Washington, one from Hagerstown, and one from Leesburg, Va. There were delegations from a number of the districts with bands of music.

There was a grand band contest, free for all bands, drum corps, contest, bicycle races and baseball contest. The Frederick Cadets gave an exhibition drill.

President of the day and also of the Emancipation Association, Mr. Evan L. Brighton, and his committees deserve great credit for the fine arrangements.



MR. EVAN L. BRIGHTON.

President of the day.

The following were the committees: Executive Committee—George M. Sewell, George W. Herbert, Harrison M. Thomas, Caleb E. Nichols, James N. Davis, Charles A. Wilson, Julius Caesar.

Ground Committee—Alexander Davis, H. M. Thomas, Clarence Nelson.

Committee on Water and Ice—Geo. B. Lyles, George Tall.

General Ticket Agent—George W. Herbert.

Rules—Uniformed men coming in a body were admitted free. Officers—Evan L. Brighton, President; James N. Davis, Vice-President; Marshall E. Jenkins, Secretary; Chas. A. Wilson, Correspondent Secretary; Geo. M. Sewell, Treasurer; Samuel Wood, Chief Marshal.

Agricultural Park is, no doubt, the largest public park in Frederick City, Md. It covers over 1,000 acres. There is a pavilion with a seating capacity of 5,000 people. The bicycle contest was very exciting and amusing. The band contest seemed to be enjoyed by everybody. President Brighton and his committee did all in their power to make everybody agreeable and make the time pleasant for all.

At 2 o'clock Mr. Chase ascended the grand stand and was introduced by G. Nichols as follows:

He prefaced his introductory address by saying that the committee had the honor to invite Mr. Chase in 1897 to deliver the address to the people, and so well satisfied were they with the address, as well as the people, the request came again from the people, which was more than agreeable to the committee, to invite Mr. Chase again. You all know him as a true champion advocate of the rights of his people, hence he needs no extensive introduction from me, remarked President Brighton.

Amid applause, Mr. Chase stepped forward and spoke as follows:

SPEECH.

MY FELLOW-CITIZENS:

It has been just two years this month since I had the honor to address you on the occasion of your Emancipation Anniversary. I addressed you then on the subject of organization, but just how much effect my address had on you at the time can only be demonstrated by what you have accomplished since I last addressed you. The condition of our people was bad enough then. I discover that it is worse to-day if the published newspaper accounts are true. Those accounts must be true, from the self-admissions of the perpetrators of the many heinous deeds that have been committed in your State and disgraced the courts of Maryland. While you may not have been a party to these crimes, they, nevertheless, reflect upon the honor and integrity of the colored race. I don't mean, in this address, to give you flattering generalities, nor do I mean to flatter you by misdeeds by telling you that you have made great progress since I last addressed you. I see no evidence on your part to commend you to the thoughtful consideration of your more fortunate fellow-citizens. He is an honest man who will tell you of your faults to your face and of your virtues behind your back.

In speaking of organization among the colored people, I must confess that they have failed thus far, except in secret orders and in these organizations they are divided. The greatest force of an organization is this alleged Afro-American Council, a self-constituted affair or a thing born in bastardy and whose place of birth is not known.

For that reason it has no legitimate existence. More murders and lynchings have been perpetrated since its existence than ever before. It is a child of misfortune with no visible means of support, and, sooner or later, it will be arrested and charged with vagrancy. It is being eaten up by its own filth.

Indeed, I feel highly congratulated to have been honored again, on your thirty-sixth Anniversary Celebration of your Emancipation, to address you.

Emancipation means the liberation from a degenerated and oppressed condition to that of freedom and independence. If we fail to embrace the opportunities thus awarded us and continue to remain in that state of degradation without the least improvement or advancement, what can we hope to receive from those whose enlightened civilization commands the respect and admiration of those who control our American body politic? It seems that our ability to utilize the opportunities before us is the lack of ambition and energy to do what we can. If we are the possessors of soil and fail to till or cultivate that soil, what will be the outcome of our land? So it is with our present condition. We are enemies to one another; we are more inclined toward those who are more smite, disgrace and kill us than we are friendly to those who give us their moral and substantial support and encouragement.

LYNCHING A CRIME.

Lynching is a crime. It is the act of barbarism. Remedies have been suggested whereby a stop should be put to it. Laws have been passed; Governors have issued proclamations; troops have been sent to the scene of action, but all is without avail. Oh, my friends, the only remedy to this crime, the most dastardly known to our civilization, is for those who delight in destroying our women to cease. A woman's honor is as dear to her as her life. When once destroyed, you take from her that which does not enrich you but maketh her poor, indeed. She becomes an outcast by those who attempt to injure her. Men, who perpetrate these diabolical crimes, lose their senses, their reasoning faculties, and descend to the level of the brutes. Let every self-respecting colored citizen put the seal of disapproval upon the acts of the brutes, then will the evil be checked. We can only become good citizens by doing good deeds. Our citizenship is abridged by the bad acts of others or those who have no respect for themselves. It is true that our Constitution is supposed to apply to all classes of citizens, irrespective of color or previous condition of servitude. We are accepted as citizens to the extent of our good behavior. The brute element of our race is an impediment and a hindrance to our citizenship. Our inability to thoroughly understand the use of

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THE BALLOT.

is one of the great elements of impediment to our political progress. The Negro as a politician is a failure. He is not only a nonentity in the body politic, but lacks that force of character that goes to make up a true, noble and brave man. He doesn't look ahead far enough or long enough to make proper discriminations between himself and his oppressors. His ballot fluctuates between political diplomacy and todism.

His greed for office causes him to depreciate the little honor he possesses for a small piece of filthy lucre. Nothing will cause a man to lose his reputation more quickly than for him to disregard his political obligations. The colored man should exercise such political independence that would enable him to support men irrespective of party. Parties are becoming things of the past. The ballot in the hand of the freeman is fast being directed toward men and not parties. Parties are fast outliving their usefulness. When the colored voter can realize the importance of supporting the representatives of sound, political and economic principles, then, and not until then, will he become a factor in our great American body politic.

[Applause.]

GRATITUDE.

The Negro owes a debt of everlasting gratitude to those who were instrumental in liberating him from the bonds of human slavery, the blackest blot on the American escutcheon; and his liberation was the greatest boon to American civilization. Whatever his faults may have been and are now, he has proven himself true and loyal to the flag that doesn't protect him; true and loyal to the flag that waves over the dead victims of those who fought to uphold American independence against Spanish tyranny and for Cuban independence; a flag whose principles seem to be the obliteration of the black man; a flag that was raised upon San Juan Hill, through shot and shell, by the united charge of the black cavalry, while the American white man played the coward. The true history of the black soldier, in the late Spanish-American war, will never be impartially written by the white man. Are we grateful or have we proven false to that flag that gives us no protection? Notwithstanding his oppression and the present discrimination against him, he still holds out his hands to receive the accolade of war to continue himself under the oppression of a discriminating flag. Where can you find such patriotism in another race of people? We don't ask for social equality; we ask for equal, civil, and political rights so far as qualifications entitle us. We ask only for that political recognition to the extent of our voting strength and educational qualifications; or, in short, recognition according to merit. The great fear of our white brethren is that the Negro wants social recognition. This is the one element of human progress among races that must necessarily regulate itself. No man can force himself socially into another's company without his consent. The white man stands more in fear of this than the Negro. All that the Negro asks is to let him live. Permit him to have an equal chance in life. If you cannot permit this much, let him carve out his own destiny without being shot down like a dog or lynched like a brute. I make no appeal for the guilty. I have no sympathy for the brute who attempts to outrage or take from woman her honor. The assassin, the

murderer, and the rapist should be dealt with in a manner that will teach others an object lesson. This question of social equality must be regulated by the laws of nature and not by the laws of man. How shall we

IMPROVE OUR CONDITION?

You, Mr. Chairman, have in the park to-day from six to seven thousand people, representing every section of the State of Maryland and a large number from the city of magnitude distances, commonly called the District of Columbia. Suppose you in this number here to-day were to deposit some bank one penny a week. At the end of the year you would have \$3.60; that is, if 7,000 people deposited a penny a week. At the end of five years you would have deposited \$18.00. Suppose that money were converted into stock, land, merchandise, or some other commodity, what would the result be in ten years? If our money were put to such use, boys and girls who have no vocation after their graduation from our Business High Schools. Instead of having among us worthless men and women, we would have business men and women. Instead of having vagrants, we would have industrious men and women. The Negro lacks business qualifications. He fully demonstrates his inability to cope with the business world. I would suggest to the distinguished committee who have charge of these annual celebrations that, instead of having street parades with brass bands and such extravagant articles, substitute an industrial school and there exhibit your progress. Let the civilized world, that portion of it which appreciates advancement, see that the Negro of Maryland has higher attainments and that he has improved himself since his emancipation. When we can exhibit such things that will compete with the white people, we that moment command respect and admiration.

[Applause.] The beat of drums and the sound of the symbols only play momentarily on the ear. It excites our imagination, which results in frivolities and ends in broken heads, broken necks, and broken bones. Instead of receiving applause, we receive condemnation.

WHAT DOES OUR CIVILIZATION SHOW?

It is true we have met to-day many of our old friends, some of whom we have not met for years. You have left your homes without a guard; you don't know whether you will find them in the same condition you left them or not. This is our holiday. You have baseball, and again we see many shades of ribbons and flowers of many colors. You do this to excite social admiration. But how soon does this admiration pass? The beauties of dress strike your eye for a moment and then go out of sight. We return to our homes and are asked by the old and decrepit, the aged and the weak, who participated in the festivities of our Emancipation Celebration, and to tell them what we have seen here collected saw and heard. We reflect for a moment, and all that we can say is, Oh! we had a good time. We are again asked, what did you see? Oh! we saw women and men marching upon the public streets; we saw boys and girls in ragged and tattered gowns; we saw foot races, bicycle races; we saw baseball, and again we ate ice cream; we met Uncle Ike and Aunt Precilla Jones. Oh, child! we are told, when I was young and active I used to have a good old time. Are these things to be over? Are these things to commend or recommend the progress of the rising or coming generation of this age? Such belongs to the old school. This is the old school, is an age of progress. Over thirty-six years of freedom ought to develop higher things. We should have higher aspirations. This age commands us to be in a progressive flight. I am seriously thinking that we, as a race, are retrograding. Instead of being a race of progress, we are our own enemies. When can we expect from that race that stands to-day pre-eminently in our American civilization? Our ambition leads us to the path of jealousy and prejudice towards one another. Can we hope to prosper while we remain in this condition? We have attempted to organize, but what a failure! We have filled with self-conceit and false ambition.

OUR PATRIOTISM.

Our patriotism has been disregarded. Whose fault is it? I am unable to state. The valor and bravery we exhibited in the late Spanish-American war and our steadfastness have been heretofore to the Constitution have been proven ourselves a race of cowards or patriots? By our Department of War, after we showed our competency to fight, we are told that we are not competent to command our own soldiers. We fought in the battles of the late rebellion, in which thousands were killed and thousands now wear the marks of battle, yet there is a seeming disposition to discountenance our valor. The failure or inability of our government to throw around us its protecting arm is a mystery that remains unexplainable.

OUR COURTS.

Our courts are offended by men who show their prejudice and discrimination in their sentences. The appointment or selection of such judges is due to the administrative powers. In our courts in the Capital of the Nation we find this state of affairs. What, then, can we expect when we go further South? When the judiciary becomes prejudiced on account of a man's skin, it is time for us to stop. If these conditions are to continue, there is no hope for the Negro in this country. Yet, we should not despair. The same God who controls the destiny of the other races controls the destiny of the Negro. You can no more bury the truth than you can perpetuate wrongs upon the Negro. Let us this day begin to do something for the elevation of the Negro. Let us this day become producers instead of consumers. Let us be less dependent and more independent. Let us depend less on our more fortunate and manifest a spirit that will command the respect of the nation.

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ANACOSTIA NOTES.

Mrs. B. Smith Stewart has recovered from a severe attack of malaria.

The funeral of Claude Bruce took place from his mother's residence on Nichols ave. Sunday. A large number of friends and relatives were present.

Mrs. Maggie Murray, sister of Mrs. Charles Evans, and Miss Hattie B. George, were visiting in Anacostia Sunday.

Mrs. Milford, mother of Mr. Oliver Black, died at her residence on Howard ave. Monday at 3:10 a. m. The funeral took place Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. from Third Baptist Church of which she was long time a member.

Mrs. W. W. Harris, nee Janie Bell, arrived Thursday night from her home in New Jersey and is the guest of Mrs. Robt. L. Pendleton.

Miss Mattie Briscoe is seriously ill of inflammatory rheumatism at her home on Sumner ave.

The property of Mr. W. H. Liverpool on Nichols ave., which was sold at public auction Saturday, was bought by Rev. John Shippen. Bidders from Washington, Alexandria and this place made the sale a lively one.

Mr. Robert Harris of Alexandria, contemplates removing with his family, to Hillsdale.

The death of Mrs. Emma E. Butler at Columbia Hospital Monday at 11:30 p. m., was a shock to the community. Although she had not been well for months it was hoped that a surgical operation would restore her health. Born and reared here, she had made for herself a large circle of friends and acquaintances who with the family mourn her untimely death.

The funeral took place from the Emmanuel Mission Chapel, Thursday at 2 p. m.

MINERVA.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Clarke are pleased to learn that their daughter, Mattie, is rapidly recovering from her recent accident.

Miss Hallie Brown of 16th street left town on Saturday last for a short stay in Pennsylvania. Miss Brown may stop awhile at Baltimore. We wish for this charming young lady a delightful journey.

Miss Rachel Brown, one of the charming Washington girls, who has left home to teach in the sunny South, is again visiting the home of her childhood. Much success has crowned the labors of this worthy young woman among the uneducated. Miss Brown well deserves all the good fortune that can come her way, for she is a model of Christian womanhood, as is shown by her watchful, tender care of her little sister since the death of her mother, the late Mrs. Cornelia Ward Brown.

The teachers of the Ninth Division are becoming alarmed, so fatal have proven the onslaughts of Cupid, that with fearful hearts, the unharmed are asking, "Who will be the next?"

Miss Eva Grimshaw, a teacher at Anthony Bowen's school, is much improved by her sojourn among the mountains of Virginia.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. CLAUDE S. BRUCE.

The funeral of Mr. Claude S. Bruce, who died in Arkansas last week, took place on Sunday evening at 2 p. m.

The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Mapp, who in a beautiful and solemn sermon, urged the young men especially to live nearer, to Christ and follow in the footsteps of this true, upright, honest, and faithful young man.

The floral tributes were magnificent, consisting of a dove, cross and "The Gates Ajar," together with many other expensive and beautiful tokens of sympathy.

His remains were placed in Harmony Cemetery.

Our Claude:—He has anchored his soul in the heaven of rest, He'll sail the wild seas no more, O'er the wild stormy deep, In Jesus he's safe evermore.

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CONSPIRING AGAINST OUR SCHOOLS.

NEGROES WANT THEIR SCHOOLS IN THE HANDS OF WHITE MEN—A PETITION IN CIRCULATION AGAINST SUPERINTENDENT TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF COLORED SUPERINTENDENT. THE BEE WARNS THE PEOPLE.

There is a movement on foot by a few colored men, who have had personal animosity against Mr. G. F. T. Cook and the colored public schools, to have the office of colored superintendent abolished and placed under a white superintendent. A petition is now being circulated which will be presented to Congress requesting the abolition of the office of colored superintendent which will practically place the schools under white control. The subterfuge that is being urged is that two superintendents are expensive to the people and unnecessary for the conduct of the school system in this city. The colored people from all accounts will oppose any effort on the part of the enemies to the colored school system to abolish the office of superintendent. The laws of Congress that created the school system, in this city, provide for two superintendents, one of which shall be colored to preside over the colored schools. This law can only be changed by an act of Congress. This seems to be a scheme of the Board of Trade of this city who would abolish the office of colored superintendent if possible. The columns of THE BEE are open to all citizens to send communications to this paper protesting against any such a scheme.

MRS. TERRELL RE-ELECTED BY A HANDSOME MAJORITY.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell of this city was re-elected President of the National Association of Colored Women at the Convention held in Chicago on the first ballot without any serious opposition. There were 145 votes in the Convention, of which Mrs. Terrell received 106. The account of the election as given in the daily press of Chicago says that Mrs. Terrell's reelection was received with great enthusiasm.

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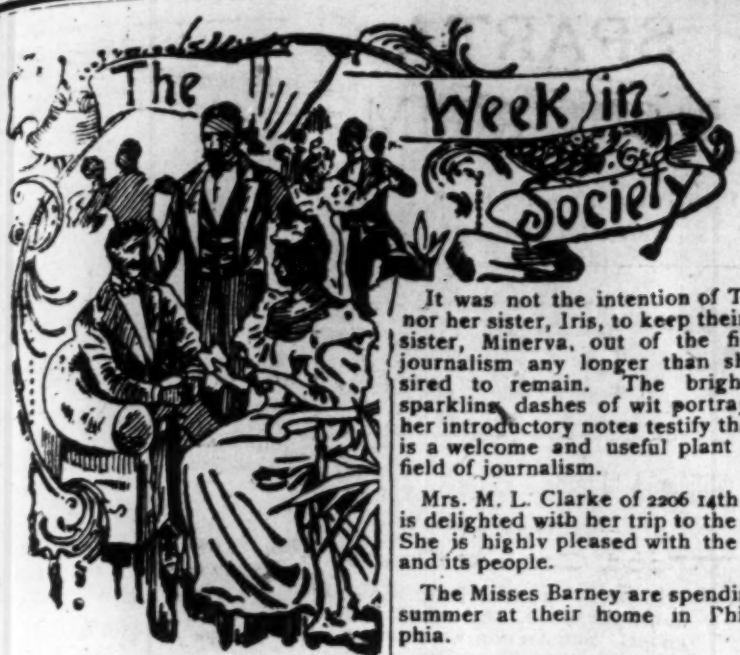
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Mrs. Gorman Fletcher is at Williamsburg, Va.

Mr. Henry J. Davis and wife are at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. Margaret Moss, who has been summering at Silcott, returned to the city on Thursday.

Mr. Robert J. Dickey arrived home after a delightful vacation near the Blue Ridge.

Miss Anna Simms of 12th street, n. w., is preparing to leave for Philadelphia, where she will attend the G. A. R.

Mrs. James L. Matthews of Massachusetts avenue, n. w., and her daughter, Miss Ada, are rusticating at Lincoln, Va.

Miss Julia Grant is still at Round Hill and is recuperating from the refreshing breezes of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Mrs. Pauline Bohannah nee Younger, formerly of this city and now of New York, is visiting her father M. Edward C. Younger at 1503 11th st. n. w. Mrs. Bohannah is one of the best known residents of this city.

Mr. Harry Arnold and wife will go to Atlantic City next week.

Mr. William L. Pollard and Mr. and Mrs. Birny Clark are at Leesburg, Va.

Ex-United States District Attorney, Mr. A. A. Birney, and wife left the city for Leesburg, Va., on Monday.

Justice E. M. Hewlett, after a pleasant stay at Long Island, returned to the city and his office Tuesday morning.

Miss May Jones has returned to the city and is stopping at 1243 20th street, n. w.

Miss Julia Lewis, daughter of Col. James Lewis of New Orleans, La., is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Kelly at No. 326 Spruce street, Le Droit Park. She will remain until the assembly of the G. A. R. Convention at Philadelphia.

Miss Rachel Lee is visiting Philadelphia. She is the guest of Mrs. Pei Wears.

Among those at Hillside Cottage, Silcott Springs, Loudoun County, Va., are Mrs. Virgie Lewis Savoy and her three interesting children; Mr. Savoy, Mr. H. L. Dawkins and wife, Mrs. Moss, Mr. R. J. Dickey of the Post Office, THE BEE's city editor, Miss J. E. Anderson. Mr. Dickey left Monday evening.

Mrs. Ida Smith left the city for Paris, Ferguson County, Va., last week, where she will remain till the middle of September.

Miss L. B. Syphax, who has been at her home sick in the country, has sufficiently recovered to resume her duties on THE BEE. She returned Wednesday morning.

Miss Bertha B. Edwards has left the city for Prince Williams County, Virginia.

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Mrs. Adalade Revels is now on her leave. She will visit friends and relatives in Philadelphia and New York during her respite.

Miss Julia McCauley has gone south to introduce and teach cooking and sewing. Miss McCauley is a product of our schools and will certainly grace her new field of labor.

Miss Annie Buley of New York is being royally entertained by her host of friends. To the regret of many, she will return home on Monday next.

Miss Annie Walker, a graduate of our schools, is filling most creditably a position as teacher in physical culture in the Alabama Schools. Miss Walker is a charming young lady and we predict for her a bright future.

Miss Imogene Wormley has returned from her summer outing. She is much recuperated from her past year's work.

Mrs. Pyles and her little daughter, Parthenia, accompanied by Natalia and Naomi Lewis, spent a most delightful day at Bay Ridge Tuesday.

Miss Julia Young, who is the chairman of the C. E. Society of Park Temple, planned, and conducted most interesting exercises last Sunday evening. Miss Young is an earnest little worker.

Miss Griffin of Texas is a visitor in our city.

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